

THE PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS.

The Western corn crop is still promising. To face pieces the chinch bug is doing great damage, and if we are to take the conclusion drawn by men whose means of observation are limited to their own neighborhood, there will be no more than half a crop. Farmers who are behindhand are always troubled with insect enemies and other calamities, and as they belong to the talking and the clamoring family, you are certain to hear of their misfortunes.

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THE HORN. It is proposed that Minnesota shall appoint a State entomologist to study the habits of the grasshopper, and to devise remedies for its ravages, and it is suggested that forces of men be employed to destroy him root and branch in his native haunts. Those who take this way to kill little of the matter. First, the grasshopper is a seasonal product of arid regions. It is not native to the plains north-east of Jerusalem toward the Euphrates, and also the plains of Persia and the desert of Arabia, at that time has darkened the air; and also has been an equal extent of our own country, covering the States of Minnesota and Iowa as far as the extreme eastern border, and extending westward over the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. In the intervening valleys of localities among the mountains its native range, it is said, is not so extensive. It is very dry, and it is said to be peculiarly suited to it, so that in a sort of spontaneous manner it is brought out in great numbers, and it is said that it is not so far from the present summer, if this is a proper word, live and die in the vicinity of that only now and then, owing perhaps to the fact that they are blown eastward, and die in the same way, or else they are blown eastward, for they always come and go with a favorable wind. To strike at the origin will

THE STEVENS BATTERY.
The famous Stevens Battery now lying un-
finished in the dry dock at Hoboken is offered for sale
by a Commission appointed to that purpose by a recent
act of the New Jersey Legislature. The sale is to be
made in November next, and the vessel will be disposed
of in parcels, if necessary. The Commissioners are Gov.
Archer, Vice-Chancellor Dodd, and the Hon. W. W.
Parker, and the Rev. S. B. Doo, executors of the Stevens
testate. This battery is the invention of the late Robert
Stevens of Hoboken. It is a steam battery, and has
been used successfully continued until Mr. Stevens's
death in 1864, and is now in the hands of his sons, Ed-
win and James. It is now owned by the latter, and
his sons, endeavored in vain to have the vessel com-
pleted and accepted by the Government. At last, Edwin
Stevens, having inherited his brother's share, died,
leaving the vessel by will to the State of New Jersey,
and appropriating \$1,000,000 to finish her. Under the
supervision of Gen. Mendenhall and Lieut. Newell,
the special country reburied, and changed into a
monitor. But the funds failed, and
question arising as to the ownership, the State author-

E. K. WINSHIP'S DEFENSE.

The hearing of the case of E. K. Winship before Levi A. Fuller, the referee, was continued yesterday. Mr. Ellis, one of the defendants counsel, stated a case, which was that the mobsters paid by the plaintiff to the defendant were for his (the defendant's) use, and not on trust. He said that the defendant's business was well known, and that if he incurred any losses in business, those losses fell on him and not on the persons who advanced the money. The defendant's counsel said that until Nov. 1873, his business was purchasing and discounting pay and sure claims. His first transaction with the plaintiff was on Jan. 19, 1874, and at that time the plaintiff was represented by a third party. He said that he never saw the plaintiff until about 1875, and that his first business was profitable or not. The plaintiff

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